



Unified in Spirit & Faith

# Saint Martha Parish

Creating Our Church for The Next Generation

10 French Road, Depew, New York 14043

St. Martha Parish Website: [www.stmarthadepew.org](http://www.stmarthadepew.org)

BDCL Family Website: [bdclfamily.org](http://bdclfamily.org)



MODERATOR: Msgr. Richard Siepka  
IN SOLIDUM: Rev. Bart Lipiec,  
Rev. Lukasz Kopala

**MISSION STATEMENT** ~ The St. Martha Parish Community recognizes both friend and stranger as an honored guest. We strive to welcome each person as St. Martha welcomed Jesus. Embracing our Roman Catholicism, we live in faith, hope, and charity, guided by the Holy Spirit and sustained by the sacraments. We commit ourselves to serve our neighbors and others and thus strengthen the Church for the next generation.

\*Please note: We live-stream all Masses and encourage the vulnerable (those who are at an enhanced risk, sick, or caring for others who are at risk or sick) not attend, but to watch Mass on the live stream. See below...

✚ **LIVE STREAM** - MASSES are LIVE STREAMED - Just visit [www.stmarthadepew.org](http://www.stmarthadepew.org) and click on "Watch & Listen" and "Click here to Reach Our Live Stream You Tube Page!" (No subscription is necessary to view here.) Please direct any issues or questions to [jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org](mailto:jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org).

**Masks are optional in the church. All Masses are Live-streamed.**

\* **Parking Lot in car participation - tune radio to 95.1FM**

### MASS SCHEDULE:

5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY of Easter 04/28:	8:00AM	
	*10:00AM	
MONDAY 04/29:	8:15AM	
TUESDAY 04/30:	8:15AM	
WEDNESDAY 05/01:	8:15AM	
THURSDAY 05/02:	8:15AM	
FRIDAY 05/03:	8:15AM	
SATURDAY 05/04:	5:00PM (Sunday Vigil)	
6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY of Easter 05/05:	8:00AM	
	*10:00AM	

✚ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM to 3PM** in the Chapel. (NOTE: Chapel will be CLOSED on Holy Days & Holidays.) For information or to make a prayer request, call Pat (716-684-2596). If you can't be there for your Hour call Sandie (716-395-3007).

✚ **NOCTURNAL ADORATION:** The FIRST FRIDAY of the Month from 9PM-midnight in church. For information call Jerry Okun at 684-4907.

✚ **ROSARY:** 5-DECADE ROSARY Saturdays @ 4:25PM and Sundays @ 7:25AM & 9:25AM in church. 20-DECADE ROSARY Thursdays @ 6:00PM in the Chapel. (Any questions, call Joyce 716-683-5398).



✚ **CONFESSIONS** - Saturday before Mass if a priest is available.

✚ **THE FOLLOWING ARE UPON REQUEST:**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** contact the rectory  
**BAPTISMS** contact the rectory for classes & dates  
**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** contact the rectory.

### RECTORY OFFICE 716-684-6342

(FAX 716-684-1853)

E-MAIL: [INFO@STMARTHADPEW.ORG](mailto:INFO@STMARTHADPEW.ORG)

#### OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM;  
TUESDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM;  
WEDNESDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM;  
THURSDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM;  
FRIDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM;  
(Closed daily from 12 Noon - 1PM for lunch)

**Rev. Bart W. Lipiec** (ext 202)

**Permanent Deacon Jim Trzaska** (ext 250)

SECRETARY: Rosanne Depczynski (ext 200)

BOOKKEEPER: Susan Koprucki (New ext 203)

FOOD PANTRY: (ext 218)

Hours: Mon 6-8pm, Wed & Thurs 9am-Noon, & Sat 10am-Noon.

MAINTENANCE DEPT: (ext 217)

BULLETIN EDITOR: Anne Mazurek (716-901-4440)

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jill Muise (716-684-1825)

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: JoAnne Puccio

### SCHOOL 716-685-2544 (FAX 716-685-9103)

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30AM - 2:30PM

WEBSITE: [school.olbsdepew.org](http://school.olbsdepew.org)

PRINCIPAL: Nancy Kindred

Email: [nkindred@school.olbsdepew.org](mailto:nkindred@school.olbsdepew.org)

### FAITH FORMATION 716-685-2546

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Mrs. Jessica Szpylman

Email: [jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org](mailto:jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org)

#### ✚ PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Articles for the bulletin should be e-mailed to [thebulletinlady@roadrunner.com](mailto:thebulletinlady@roadrunner.com) by the MONDAY prior to the weekend for the announcement. Include contact info for any questions. ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO FR. BART'S APPROVAL & NON-parish news is also subject to "available space".

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

## "At a Glance"

### THIS WEEK @ St. Martha Parish



**SUN 04/28** *5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of EASTER*



- 5 Decade Rosary @ 7:25AM (Church)
- 8:00AM Sunday of Easter Mass (Church / Streamed)
- 5 Decade Rosary @ 9:25AM (Church)
- 10:00AM Sunday of Easter Mass (Church / Streamed & Parking Lot, radio 95.1FM)
- GARDEN ANGELS Sign-up this Weekend!

**MON 04/29** -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

**TUES 04/30** -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

**WED 05/01** -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

**THUR 05/02** -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)  
-20 Decade Rosary @ 6PM (Chapel)

**FRI 05/03** -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)  
-NOCTURNAL ADORATION 9PM-12AM (Church)

**SAT 05/04** -5:00PM 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass (Church / Streamed)

**SUN 05/05** *6<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of EASTER*



- 5 Decade Rosary @ 7:25AM (Church)
- 8:00AM Sunday of Easter Mass (Church / Streamed)
- 5 Decade Rosary @ 9:25AM (Church)
- 10:00AM Sunday of Easter  
**MAY CROWNING FAMILY MASS** (Church / Streamed & Parking Lot, radio 95.1FM)
- Coffee & Donuts after Family Mass (café)
- GARDEN ANGELS Sign-up this Weekend!

### **ST. MARTHA PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

We offer an online giving option! Just click on the *donate now* button on our website [www.stmarthadepew.org](http://www.stmarthadepew.org). Your donation can be one time only, weekly, or monthly!

### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

**Please Note:** The collection basket will only go around once at Masses, so any special collection donations must be in a labeled envelope and put in the basket with the weekly collection. Thank you!

### **CATHOLIC HOME MISSION**

The Catholic Home Mission Appeal is being taken up this weekend, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup>. Your contribution strengthens another Catholic faith community in the home mission of the US. Contributions are tax deductible, please be as generous as possible!

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

## **Call for PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS!**

Do you know of any parishioners who have strong leadership skills, are objective and open to change for the good of the our Parish, are engaged listeners with effective communication skills, and are willing to share their time and talent for the future vitality and growth of our St. Martha Parish Community?

**OF COURSE, YOU DO!**

Please consider nominating them for a position on the Parish Council! Nominations will begin next weekend and continue through May 12<sup>th</sup>. Four adult and two youth positions are open for election.

Parish council meets once a month from September through June...and the qualifications to run are simple:

✓ **Adult Candidates** must be fully initiated Catholics, at least 18 years of age, and active, registered members of St. Martha Parish.

✓ **Youth Candidates** must be active, registered parishioners who are at least 16 years of age and not have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to the beginning of the term of office (September 2024)

Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself or another qualified parishioner for this worthwhile ministry!

### **MAY CROWNING FAMILY MASS**



There will be a Family Mass on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00AM Mass. The Family Mass will include May Crowning. The children of the parish will serve as the Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Gift Bearers, Leaders of the Our Father, and they will also crown Mary at this special mass on May 5<sup>th</sup>. If your child would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Szpylman at [jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org](mailto:jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org) or Ms. Kucewicz at [skucewicz@school.olbsdepew.org](mailto:skucewicz@school.olbsdepew.org). You can also sign up using the link on the St. Martha Facebook page. There will be donuts and coffee served in the cafeteria after mass. Please join us for this special Family Mass!

## SYMPATHY

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

✠ **Dolores Cipolla**



## GUILD INSTALLATION DINNER

**MONDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** at the Polish Villa on Union Rd, 6PM sharp. The new officers will be installed with dinner to follow. All you can eat Family style dinner, includes: Golabki, Breaded Pork Chops, Salad w/house dressings, Roasted Potatoes, Potato Pancakes, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, Dessert, and Coffee, Tea, or Milk. Cost is just \$28.00 and includes gratuity. Make check payable to: St. Martha Altar & Rosary Guild and **MAIL BEFORE MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>** to: Mildred Stabler, 40 Green Terrace, Depew, NY 14043. Feel free to BYOB (wine, etc). See you there!

## Time is Running Out to Get Your ANNUAL CASH RAFFLE TICKET!

The Altar & Rosary Guild is selling tickets after weekend Masses! Tickets are just \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on **SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>** after the 10AM Mass. GET YOUR TICKET(S) NOW to have a chance at the early bird drawings and THESE PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$600.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$300.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$150.00. Thank you for your support of our Guild!

## GARDEN ANGELS



Do you like to be outdoors? Do you love to work in the garden and get your hands dirty? If you answered YES, then consider joining the St. Martha Garden Angels. The Garden Angels are a group of volunteers who help maintain the beautiful flowerbeds and gardens on the St. Martha Parish grounds during the garden season.

In spring Garden Angel Volunteers can help prepare the ground for planting, plant flowers, and help to lay down mulch. Through the summer, volunteers are needed to help water, weed, prune, and generally maintain the garden bed. In the fall, volunteers help clean up and remove plants.

Garden Angel Volunteers can do as much or as little as they are able. Most of the work can be done according to your own schedule.

This is a nice way to serve together with family or friends and for a student to fulfill required volunteer hours. We thank Garden Angels who have served in the past and encourage you to consider volunteering again this year. New Garden Angels are warmly welcome! Many volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please fill in the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

If you would like more information, please call Debbie Steck, 716-684-3864 or email [debbie.steck@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie.steck@yahoo.com).

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

On **THURSDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>** we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Below is the Beloved Disciples of Christ the Lord Family of Parishes Holy Day Mass Schedule.

### Vigil ~ Wednesday, May 8:

7:00 pm **St. Martha**

### Holy Day ~ Thursday, May 9:

8:00 am Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:15 am **St. Martha**

8:30 am St. Mary of the Assumption,  
St. Teresa of Calcutta

9:00 am St. Philip the Apostle

Noon St. Mary of the Assumption,  
St. Philip the Apostle

5:00 pm Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 pm Our Lady of Pompeii

7:00 pm St. Mary of the Assumption



## SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES!

St. Martha Parish is sponsoring a free senior fitness class with exercises tailored to people 65 and over. For all those who registered, the next class will be on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> in the school gym from 12:30-1:15PM** and continue on the following Mondays: May 20<sup>th</sup>, and June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Please Note: No one can enter into the gym until after 12:20PM.

## YOGA @ ST. MARTHA

Classes offered on the following Tuesdays from 9-10AM in the school gym on: **♦May 7<sup>th</sup>, ♦May 21, ♦June 4<sup>th</sup>, and ♦June 18<sup>th</sup>**. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. It is a gentle class and suitable for beginners and experienced. Pre-registering is suggested, but not required. To sign up, call Rosanne at the Rectory (716) 684-6342, Ext. 200. For more information or questions, contact Jane Schmitt @ (716) 984-6282. **Please Note:** If the Lancaster School District closes for weather, the class will be canceled.

## HELP NEEDED!

Once again, we are looking for help with this year's National Association of Letter Carriers STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE scheduled for **SATURDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**. We could use your help in the Cafeteria between the hours of 11:00AM and 5:00PM. You do not have to commit for the entire day, any amount of time would be appreciated. Unfortunately, the



drop off of donations depends on the routes of each mail person. These carriers volunteer their time during this collection. If you have any questions, please call the pantry @ 716-206-0387. Thank you!

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Thank you for your continued support of the pantry. Your generosity is the backbone of our efforts. We could not continue this ministry without your help. We have seen an increase in the number of families we serve. Our shelves empty quickly. Barrels for donations are located in the vestibule of the church. Below is our **"Wish List"** which comes in handy when particular products run low, but ANY donations are always appreciated.

- Crackers
- Cereal
- Coffee
- Knorr Sides
- Pancake Mix & Syrup

\*AS ALWAYS, IF THERE IS A NEED AND THE FOOD PANTRY MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL US AT 716-206-0387.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At St. Martha Parish

JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup>

from 9:30AM-12PM (NO School July 4<sup>th</sup>)

Entering Pre-K4

to entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade

\$20 a child, \$30 per family

Questions: [vbs@stmarthadepew.org](mailto:vbs@stmarthadepew.org)



## DIOCESAN & LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum presents "Source and Summit: A Concert for Eucharistic Revival" - Sunday, May 19 at 2 pm at Fourteen Holy Helpers, 1345 Indian Church Rd., West Seneca and again on Sunday, June 2 at 3 pm at St. Adalbert Basilica, 212 Stanislaus St., Buffalo. The Catholic Church tells us that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of Christian life." Freewill offerings will be accepted to support the host churches. For more info, follow the choir on Facebook and Instagram @JP2Schola, subscribe to their YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@JP2Schola> or email JP2Schola@gmail.com.

**HOPE Day is coming!** Catholic Charities one-day "above and beyond" 24-hour fundraising effort is Wednesday, May 15. Last year's HOPE Day was historic as donors gave a record \$507,456. This year, we're aiming for another successful one-day giving blitz. Be sure to follow us at [www.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org) and on Facebook and Instagram for more details on how you can make a contribution, help spread the word, and track the progress on HOPE Day. To view the full list of programs and services, visit [www.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org).

### ~ A VOCATION VIEW ~

*Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 28, 2024*

"Remain in me... I am the vine, you are the branches." Could there be any doubt that Jesus is talking about communion in His True Body & Blood in the Eucharist? We need priests to continue consecrating this amazing gift at the altar. If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

## ✝ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✝

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

*St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor*

8:15AM ANGELINE FIORELLO - Lou Fiorello & Family

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:15AM COSTANZA LONGO - Jim & Kathy Richert

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:15AM ANN & STANLEY JOSIKOWSKI -  
sister, Theresa

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

*St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor*

8:15AM BARBARA KLEIN - Pat

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

*St. Philip & St. James, Apostles*

8:15AM VIRGINETTE MUSCHAWECK - Even Family

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:00PM JANE KNOERL - Shirley Cane & Cane Family  
(5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter Vigil)

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

*SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

8:00AM SR. JEAN BAKER, OSF - Marge Manhard  
10:00AM ALTAR & ROSARY GUILD

### LECTORS: MAY 4 & 5

5:00PM Mark Czaplicki  
8:00AM Charlene Mahony  
10:00AM Mary Rose Ciskal